

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, hospice care allows patients and families to receive professional medical services, pain and symptom control, and emotional and spiritual support in their home of choice; and

WHEREAS, hospice creates a compassionate atmosphere where patients are able to die with dignity, wherever they call home, surrounded and supported by loved ones, familiar friends, and committed caregivers; and

WHEREAS, professional and compassionate hospice staff and volunteers, including physicians, nurses, social workers, therapists, and clergy, provide comprehensive care and attend to the particular needs and wishes of each patient; and

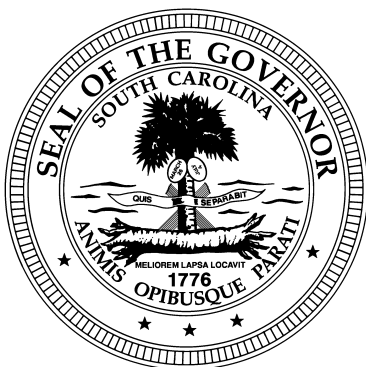
WHEREAS, counseling and bereavement care is available for family members and friends to help them cope with the losses faced during the illness and the grief experienced afterwards; and

WHEREAS, high-quality hospice care supports the right of every individual, regardless of age, health, or social status, to be treated with the utmost dignity, respect, and care.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 2006 as

HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to increase awareness of the importance and availability of hospice services and recognize the professionals, volunteers, and family caregivers who take on the challenge of caring for patients at the end of life.



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MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA